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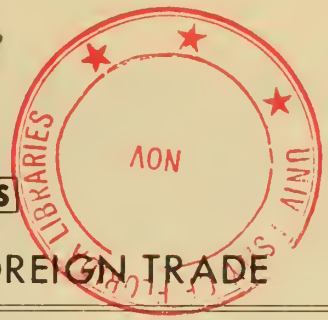

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EXPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, including Special Category commodities, from $1,396.7 million in August to $1,479.0 million in September[1] was due largely to substantial increases in exports to Western Europe and Latin American Republics. Changes in the dollar value of exports to all areas between August and September were as follows: Western Europe, from $424.8 to $503.2 million; Latin American Republics, from $285.0 to $307.2 million; Canada, from $303.5 to $310.4 million; and dependencies of Western Europe, from $55.2 to $53.7 million. Exports to "all other countries" dropped from $328.2 to $304.5 million. Exports of Special Category commodities fell from 140.2 to $118.7 million.

With Special Category commodities excluded, the September export total was $1,360.3 million as compared to the August total of $1,256.5 million. Exports to O.E.E.C. countries rose from $326.2 to $408.9 million; sterling area countries, from $190.2 to $255.5 million; and Latin American Republics, from $279.2 to $298.8 million.

[1] Available records indicate that there was an increase in September in the number of vessels loaded during that month but not departing until the first of the following month or later. This indicates that accelerated vessel loading took place at the end of September in anticipation of the longshoremen's strike. Some of this accelerated loading probably is reflected in the September totals, but merchandise loaded in September on vessels departing October first or later will be included in the October totals in accordance with regular compiling procedures.

Exports to Europe increased from $366.9 million in August to $445.3 million in September owing chiefly to noticeable increases in exports to the United Kingdom, from $62.5 to $120.7 million, and Italy, from $30.3 to $41.2 million. Other less noticeable changes in exports to individual countries of this continent were as follows: Denmark, from $5.9 to $9.5 million; France, from $21.7 to $27.5 million; Turkey, from $16.3 to $10.6 million; and Switzerland, from $20.7 to $16.1 million. Exports to North America rose from $435.6 to $450.0 million due principally to small, scattered increases in exports to many of the individual countries of this continent. Of these, Canada was the more noticeable, recording a rise in exports from $297.6 million in August to $302.8 million in September. Increases in exports to Venezuela, from $54.4 to $62.6 million and Brazil, from $30.8 to $35.7 million accounted for most of the increase in exports to South America from $160.7 to $173.9 million. Exports to Australia and Oceania increased slightly from $35.4 to $36.2 million.

During the period, exports to Africa fell from $52.6 to $51.0 million as decreases were reported in exports to the United Arab Republic (Egypt Region), from $9.9 to $5.7 million, and the Union of South Africa, from $20.0 to $16.9 million. Although appreciable decreases occurred in exports to Japan from $70.1 to $63.5 million; India, from $23.0 to $18.0 million; and the Republic of Indonesia, from $8.1 to $4.4 million, the over-all decline in exports to the continent of Asia was small, $205.3 million in August as compared to $203.9 million in September.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export Statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid, and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States Possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Although the country of destination is defined as the country of ultimate destination or the country where the goods are to be consumed, or further processed or manufactured, the statistics do not always reflect this definition, as the shipper may not know the ultimate destination of the shipment. In such cases, the shipments are credited to the last country, as known to the exporter at the time of shipment from the United States, to which the goods are to be shipped in their present form. It follows, therefore, that the statistics will tend to be overcounted for shipments to transshipment or merchanting countries and undercounted for other countries. As explained in the footnotes to the table, exports of Special Category commodities are not included in any of the published country totals, for reasons of security.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued from $100 to $499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the area, continent and country totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than $50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE, BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION: SEPTEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Total trade including Special Categories[2]	[3,4]1,479.0	[5]1,396.7	[6]1,360.9	[7]1,488.2
Western Europe	503.2	424.8	393.8	453.3
Dependencies of Western Europe	53.7	55.2	40.7	48.9
Canada	310.4	303.5	298.9	294.6
Latin American Republics	307.2	285.0	315.3	348.7
All other countries	304.5	328.2	312.1	342.7
Total Special Categories[2]	118.7	140.2	150.8	172.4
Type 1	38.8	41.8	33.9	42.2
Type 2	79.9	98.4	116.9	130.2
Net total excluding Special Categories[2]	1,360.3	1,256.5	1,210.1	1,315.7
O.E.E.C. countries	408.9	326.2	307.6	341.6
Latin American Republics	298.8	279.2	307.4	337.4
Sterling area countries	255.5	190.2	190.4	186.3
North America	450.0	435.6	458.7	458.3
Greenland[d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	302.8	297.6	290.3	284.8
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico[c]	56.5	57.4	61.5	73.8
Guatemala[a]	5.3	4.5	5.1	6.6
British Honduras[b,d]	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
El Salvador[a]	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.7
Honduras[a]	2.6	2.2	3.3	3.0
Nicaragua[a]	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.1
Costa Rica[a]	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.5
Republic of Panama[a]	8.7	6.7	18.2	7.0
Canal Zone	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.5
Bermuda[b,d]	3.0	2.1	1.9	2.0
Bahamas[b,d]	3.6	2.9	2.4	2.7
Cuba[a]	38.7	36.6	45.7	45.5
Jamaica[b,d]	3.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Haiti[a]	2.7	1.8	1.8	2.1
Dominican Republic[a]	4.2	3.6	5.8	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands[b,d]	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
Barbados[b,d]	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Trinidad and Tobago[b,d]	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5
Netherlands Antilles[d]	4.3	3.9	6.2	6.2
French West Indies[d]	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
South America	173.9	160.7	158.1	184.4
Colombia[a]	17.6	18.0	12.8	15.4
Venezuela[a]	62.6	54.4	54.1	67.4
British Guiana[b,d]	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7
Surinam[d]	1.6	2.0	0.6	0.8
French Guiana[d]	0.2	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.5	3.3	4.1	3.9
Peru[a]	9.9	7.4	12.1	13.9
Bolivia[a]	2.0	2.9	2.1	2.4
Chile[a]	11.6	9.5	10.5	12.4
Brazil[a]	35.7	30.8	39.9	44.1
Paraguay[a]	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8
Uruguay[a]	4.0	4.9	1.9	1.8
Argentina[a]	23.0	26.2	18.8	20.7
Falkland Islands[b,d]	...	...	...	(*)
Europe	445.3	366.9	345.0	381.7
Iceland[b,c,e]	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.9
Sweden[c,e]	18.1	16.9	16.0	16.3
Norway[c,e]	6.7	7.1	4.0	5.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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Continent and country	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Europe—Continued				
Denmark[c,e]	9.5	5.9	4.1	6.5
United Kingdom[b,c,e]	120.7	62.5	74.3	69.8
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,e]	4.0	1.9	6.0	2.6
Netherlands[c,e]	46.8	43.0	35.1	36.8
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,e]	29.6	23.8	21.3	27.5
France[8,c,e]	27.5	21.7	25.4	35.6
West Germany[8,c,e]	65.1	62.0	53.8	61.1
East Germany	(*)	...	...	(*)
Austria[c,e]	5.2	7.8	2.6	4.8
Czechoslovakia	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
Hungary	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Switzerland[c,e]	16.1	20.7	11.7	13.6
Finland[c]	4.2	2.7	2.9	2.8
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	...
Lithuania	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig	11.4	14.6	11.2	8.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.3
Azores[d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c]	11.6	12.6	17.4	17.9
Portugal[c,e]	2.5	2.0	3.2	2.6
Gibraltar[b,d]	0.3	(*)	(*)	0.1
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b,d]	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2
Italy[c,e]	41.2	30.3	34.7	40.6
Free Territory of Trieste[c,e]	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
Yugoslavia[c]	8.1	9.1	5.4	9.6
Albania	...	...	...	...
Greece[c,e]	3.8	3.0	5.3	6.0
Rumania	0.1	0.4	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	(*)	...	...	(*)
Turkey[c,e]	10.6	16.3	8.5	10.6
Unidentified Countries in Western Europe[9,c]	...	...	0.1	0.1
Asia	203.9	205.3	185.3	219.8
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)[10]	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.3
Lebanon	3.9	4.2	1.7	3.0
Iraq (Mesopotamia)[b]	4.5	2.0	1.3	2.7
Iran (Persia)	7.8	7.3	6.2	8.8
Israel	9.0	7.7	8.9	8.7
Palestine	...	...	(*)	(*)
Jordan[b]	2.2	2.3	0.4	0.8
Kuwait[b,d]	3.3	2.5	2.7	3.5
Saudi Arabia	4.5	2.8	3.5	4.9
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6
Aden[b,d]	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.1
State of Bahrein[b,d]	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
Afghanistan	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.9
India[b]	18.0	23.0	33.3	26.0
Pakistan[b]	7.1	6.1	5.8	9.3
Nepal	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.0	3.5	2.2	1.8
Burma[b]	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6
Thailand (Siam)	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.4
Viet-Nam	5.1	4.4	6.0	5.2
Laos	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Cambodia	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Federation of Malaya[b]	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[11,b,d]	3.1	2.2	1.8	2.3
Republic of Indonesia	4.4	8.1	3.5	5.1
Republic of the Philippines	24.7	22.4	22.1	24.3
Macao (Macau)[d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.[d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
China (including Manchuria)	...	...	...	(*)

See footnotes at end of table.

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SEPTEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country	September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958
Asia—Continued				
Outer Mongolia	...	...	...	..
North Korea	...	...	...	..
Republic of Korea	13.0	11.7	13.6	18.
Hong Kong[b,d]	8.7	6.9	4.9	6.
Taiwan (Formosa)	9.1	7.6	6.7	8.5
Japan	63.5	70.1	51.3	69.5
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.3
Australia and Oceania	36.2	35.4	26.9	20.3
Australia[b]	31.0	30.3	21.3	15.8
New Guinea[b]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
New Zealand[b]	4.4	4.1	4.8	3.6
British Western Pacific Islands[b,d]	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands[d]	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Africa	51.0	52.6	36.2	51.3
Morocco	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.5
Algeria[d]	3.0	1.9	3.1	2.3
Tunisia[d]	1.6	0.7	0.2	0.6
Libya[b]	5.1	2.7	1.8	1.7
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)[12]	5.7	9.9	3.2	4.3
Sudan	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Canary Islands[d]	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cameroon[d]	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
French Equatorial Africa[d]	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.6
French West Africa and Republic of Togo[13,d]	0.9	1.6	0.8	1.3
Ghana[b]	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.9
Nigeria[b,d]	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.9
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b,d]	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Madeira Islands[d]	(*)	0.3	(*)	(*)
Angola[d]	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.4	(*)	0.2	0.1
Liberia	1.9	1.7	1.4	4.5
Belgian Congo[d]	1.8	2.7	1.9	3.3
Somaliland	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	1.8	0.8	0.6	0.9
French Somaliland[d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
British Somaliland[b,d]	(*)	(*)	0.7	0.1
Seychelles and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
British East Africa[b,d]	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.6
Mozambique[d]	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8
Madagascar[d]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Union of South Africa[b]	16.9	20.0	12.7	20.7
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]Dependencies of Western Europe. [e]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Cooperation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Country detail is not reported in the export statistics for Special Category commodities beginning July 1950 for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include Special Categories, as shown at the beginning of the table. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of Special Category commodities. See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for further explanation and list of Special Category commodities. [3]See footnote one of front page of this report. [4]Includes $79.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($49.9 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $97.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.0 million to Western Europe). [6]Includes $121.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($44.1 million to Western Europe). [7]Includes $128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($58.6 million to Western Europe). [8]The Saar included with West Germany beginning July 1958. For prior periods, the Saar is included with France. [9]As explained in the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes, this is an arbitrary category established with April 1958 statistics to cover certain shipments to unidentified countries in Western Europe. [10]United Arab Republic (Syria Region) beginning July 1958; formerly Syria. [11]Colony of Singapore; British Borneo beginning July 1958. Shown as Colony of Singapore during first half of 1958. [12]United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) beginning July 1958; formerly Egypt. [13]French West Africa and Republic of Togo beginning July 1958; formerly French West Africa.

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